

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending. Claims 1, 3-17, 19-24, and 26-28 are rejected. Claims 2, 18, and 25 are objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims, but would be allowable if rewritten to incorporate base and intervening claim limitations. The allowability of claims 2, 18, and 25 is gratefully acknowledged. To facilitate prosecution, claims 1, 17, and 24 have been amended to include the allowable recitations of now canceled claims 2, 18, and 25.

In light of the above remarks, all independent and dependent claims are believed allowable for at least the reasons noted above. If the Examiner has any other questions or concerns for Applicants' Representative, the Examiner is encouraged to contact her at the number set out below.

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